

Martinez, who are ready to contribute their talents to getting our economy back on track, support will build for passing the DREAM Act and comprehensive immigration reform. President Obama has given temporary protection to DREAMers. Now let's pass the law. Let's do the right thing for people just like Carlos all over the United States.

Mr. President, I have listened carefully to some of the statements made after the elections by those on the other side of the aisle, many of whom have opposed the DREAM Act from the start, and I have been heartened and encouraged that so many are now speaking out in favorable terms about doing something finally for young people like Carlos. Let's get this done. This used to be a very bipartisan measure, but filibusters have stopped it year after year. We can pass it, and we should pass it. In 2007, the first time the DREAM Act came to a vote on the floor of the Senate, 52 Senators—a bipartisan majority—voted for it, but still the Republican filibuster stopped us. We didn't get the 60 votes we needed. Three years later, in December of 2010, the DREAM Act was again considered on the floor of the Senate. The gallery was filled with DREAMers in their caps and gowns. It was an inspiring sight to look up and see them in those seats. That day 55 Senators voted for the DREAM Act. It was a majority but not enough; we needed 60 to overcome another Republican filibuster. The President and the vast majority of Democrats continue to support the DREAM Act and comprehensive immigration reform.

Let me add that the DREAM Act is very important to me, but equally if not more important is comprehensive immigration reform to help not only Carlos but many like him—their parents and members of their family—who may not qualify under the DREAM Act but deserve a chance as well.

I believe most of my Republican colleagues understand that immigration is good for America. Immigration is America. We are all immigrants but for the Native Americans who welcomed to the shores the occupants of the Mayflower. Former President George W. Bush led the attempt to reform legislation, and he said, "Family values don't stop at the Rio Grande." I disagree with George W. Bush on many things, but on the issue of immigration, he was genuine and committed, and I agree with what he said. I have been heartened by comments from Speaker BOEHNER and others in the last week. I believe Democrats and Republicans of good will can come together across the aisle, roll up our sleeves, and do something good for America and fix our broken immigration system so that it is true to our American values as a nation of immigrants.

VETERANS' COMPENSATION COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT ACT OF 2012

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Veterans' Affairs Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4114 and that the Senate proceed to its consideration.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4114) to increase, effective as of December 1, 2012, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. DURBIN. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read three times and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements related to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 4114) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

SPORTSMEN'S ACT OF 2012— MOTION TO PROCEED—Continued

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Arkansas.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

SERGEANT JASON M. SWINDLE

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, at a time when we are seeing reports of violence in areas all around the world, we must never forget that the men and women of the U.S. military are out there fighting on our behalf day in and day out so we can live in a safe environment here at home. Our servicemembers are well aware of the risks they face as they serve this Nation, and it is our duty to do all we can to honor those who fight and pay the ultimate price for our freedoms.

Today I am here to pay my respects to SGT Jason M. Swindle, an Arkansan who, at 24 years of age, laid down his life for our country while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. Sergeant Swindle attended Cabot High School in Cabot, AR, and joined the Army in 2005. He was assigned to B Company, 1st Battalion, 64th Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, GA. He was serving his third combat deployment. He was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star and a Purple Heart.

His family and friends describe him as being a fun-loving guy who was very patriotic and very proud of the work he was doing in the Army.

In addition to being a soldier, Sergeant Swindle was also a husband and a father. He leaves behind his wife

Chelsey, who is currently expecting their second child, and a 1-year-old son, Paxton.

Mr. President, it is people such as Jason Swindle who are the true American heroes. I ask my colleagues to keep his wife, children, and the rest of his family in their thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time. I humbly offer my sincerest gratitude to Jason for his selfless sacrifice in the service and defense of this great Nation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. FRANKEN). The Senator from Kansas.

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, first I would like to add my condolences and sympathy to the family in honor of Sergeant Swindle. I appreciate what the Senator from Arkansas had to say, and I join all my colleagues in recognizing the sacrifice of this soldier and many others who have made such a tremendous sacrifice and have created opportunities for us as Americans.

GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK

Mr. President, we have just come through a divisive and expensive campaign. Hopefully that divisiveness and that expense is a thing of the past, and I come to the floor today—during Global Entrepreneurship Week—to ask my colleagues to now work together to pursue policies that are guaranteed to improve our economy. There have been too many opportunities in the past year to pursue issues and policies that divide us. Now we must come together around something that can unite us—entrepreneurship, innovation, and startup businesses.

The story of America is really a story of entrepreneurs. Our history is filled with examples of determined individuals who risked their livelihoods to pursue ideas they believed could solve problems and improve the quality of life of people around the world. These entrepreneurs built the foundation of the American economy from its earliest days, pushing forward innovative solutions to some of our most complex problems.

They pursued success, and that success built the American economy and the jobs it provides.

Entrepreneurs have continued to be the driving force in the U.S. economic growth and expansion in recent times as well. Data from the Kauffman Foundation shows that between 1980 and 2005, companies less than 5 years old accounted for nearly all new jobs created in the United States. Since 1977—the first year data was collected—new businesses have created an average of 3 million jobs each year.

At a time when millions of Americans remain out of work and our country is mired in debt, we need to do more to support the entrepreneurs who create American jobs and hold the promise of our growing economy.

Started in 2008 by the Kauffman Foundation, Global Entrepreneurship Week is a worldwide celebration of entrepreneurs and like-minded individuals. Since its founding, Global Entrepreneurship Week has grown to include